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## 'The U': speedy freshman poses threat

Nicolas Wahl  
staff writer

As Miami head coach Al Golden's Hurricanes embark on the trek to Manhattan for tomorrow's matchup against the No. 21 ranked K-State Wildcats, "The U" looks to erase all memory of last season's nail-biter 28-24 home-loss to the Wildcats.

Golden knows the Hurricanes are in for a battle.

"Clearly this week against Kansas State, we have a Herculean challenge out here. Excellent football team. Tough environment. Well-coached. Don't beat themselves. Control time of possession. Led the Big 12 in least penalized teams," Golden told the press Tuesday. "They had 30 drives of 60 yards or more. Big time quarterback. Really as good as there is on defense with Arthur Brown at linebacker. It's going to be a great challenge for our team and one that we're preparing for as I speak."

The Hurricanes return just 10 starters (four on offense, six on defense) from a team that finished 6-6 a year ago and will rely heavily on former backups and newcomers, especially at the offensive skill positions.

Gone are four-year starting quarterback Jacory Harris and running back Lamar Miller - who left school early to enter the NFL draft after rushing for 1,272 yards and nine touchdowns last year. It was Miller who ran through the K-State defense to the tune of 106 yards on 18 carries, including a 59-yard touchdown.

As electrifying opening-week performance by the lightning-quick true-freshman Duke Johnson (seven carries, 135 yards, two touchdowns) that included a 56-yard touchdown scamper against Boston College should draw the attention of the Wildcats' defense and could keep K-State linebackers from overloading the middle Saturday morning.

"He's a tremendously talented little player. He has tremendous speed," said K-State head coach Bill Snyder in a Tuesday press conference. "He has good quickness to go along with his speed, and I think that he is perhaps probably growing as a receiver as well. They utilize him in a lot of

different ways, so that tells me he can do a lot of different things."

As a seemingly balanced attack, the Miami offense gained 208 yards on the ground and tallied 207 through the air, and will rely heavily on junior quarterback Stephen Morris.

Morris went 28-of-45, passing for 207 yards against Boston College, and should see ample opportunity to make plays through the air against a K-State defense that looked anything but sound for much of its 51-9 season opening win over Missouri State.

In the backfield, Miami, and more specifically Morris, will rely heavily on an inexperienced receiving corps. Both of the Hurricanes' top receivers from a year ago (Travis Benjamin, Tommy Streeter) have moved on to the NFL. Allen Hurns, Miami's third leading receiver from a year ago, is now the leader of the group. Morris found Hurns eight times for 81 yards while connecting with Lewis four times for 42 yards, including an 18-yard touchdown against Boston College.

Sophomore center Shane McDermott, who started 10 games last season while allowing zero sacks and committing zero penalties, returns to anchor an offensive line that allowed for 208 Miami rushing yards and sacrificed just one sack in 43 passing attempts against Boston College.

Defensively, the Hurricanes will depend on a solid group of linebackers to try to slow down Collin Klein and the powerful Wildcat running game. Sophomore middle-linebacker Denzel Perryman led all returning Hurricane defenders with 69 tackles last season and senior Ramon Buchanan returns to take over the left side after missing most of last season with a torn ACL.

Buchanan registered 54 tackles as a junior in 2010. Freshman Eddie Johnson, who many thought was the most impressive of the three in workouts heading into the season, steps into the starting role on the right side.

While the

Miami offense presents a formidable challenge to the K-State rushing attack - they only gave up 96 yards on 36 Boston College carries in the opener - they are suspect at defending the pass.

Questioned as to whether the Hurricanes would be playing against an offense more suited to their own defensive strengths, Golden was hopeful but lauded the challenge at hand.

"We'll find out Saturday. I thought we were tough in short yardage situations - that wasn't the case last year," Golden said. "I thought we were stronger up front. We'll see if we can do a better job to stop this [K-State] attack. It was excellent a year ago."

Miami failed to register a sack in the opener despite the Eagles attempting 51 passes last Saturday, so the Hurricanes must get line pressure with some regularity or Klein should have plenty of open targets downfield. To do so, the Hurricanes will rely heavily on sophomore defensive end Anthony Chickillo who started nine games last season and registered five sacks on the year.

Snyder noted the Miami defensive shifts as a point of emphasis.

"Defensively, they are a big movement team, so you see a lot of movement out of their front and blitzes from anybody and everybody that they have in the first 11. That is always an issue. For a defense, it can be hit or miss," Snyder said.

The lack of pressure noted above allowed Boston College to torch the Miami secondary for 441 yards on 32-51 passing. The secondary which is led by seniors Brandon McGee and Vaughn Telemaque, must avoid getting burned by the K-State deep ball if Miami is to contain the Wildcat offense.

A pair of seniors, who both saw extensive action last season, make for a solid Miami kicking game as punter Dalton Botts averaged 42.7 yards per punt and kicker Jake Wieclaw was 11-14 on field goals with a long of 49. He was 2-2 in the opener.

Always dangerous in the return game, the Hurricanes look to continue that trend against the Wildcats. Sophomore backup receiver Phillip Dorsett will share punt return duties with the explosive Malcolm Lewis, while speedy Duke Johnson steps in alongside Dorsett on kick returns.

Special teams will be huge as K-State showed last weekend how dangerous they can be.



ABOVE: Travis Tannahill tries to escape two defenders after hauling in a 37 yard pass from Collin Klein, setting up a Wildcats field goal in the 51-9 victory over Missouri State.

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BELOW: Willie leads the crowd in a cheer after the Wildcats scored a touchdown against the Texas Longhorns on Nov. 19, 2011.



# Questions remain in depth, consistency of defense

Adam Suderman  
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Since Saturday's 51-9 victory over Missouri State, the consistency of the Wildcat defense has been the main topic for many K-State fans.

Several positives and negatives fill the defensive stats and an upcoming test against Miami will give a good indication of where the unit stands.

Following Saturday's win, Snyder was pleased with the presence of his run defense but said Missouri State's Randy "Duke" Johnson could present a challenge for the K-State defense.

"He's a tremendously talented little player," Snyder said. "He has tremendous speed, which is what most people would identify him as someone who runs extremely fast. ... They utilize him a lot of different ways, so that tells me he can do a lot of different things."

One of the biggest question marks heading into this season was the depth and experience at the tackle spots. After finishing week one without a sack, many of the same questions remain.

Perhaps no moment from last season is mentioned more than the goal-line stand pro-

vided by Tre Walker's tackle of graduated Miami quarterback Jacory Harris.

Although the ending play stands out in most memories, head coach Bill Snyder says that there is a missing piece to the discussion.

"Well, Tre was a part of it, not all of it," Snyder said. "It has to take 11 guys to play well in that environment and that situation, and we had 11 guys that did exactly that. Our guys made some really mature adjustments during those four snaps that took place down there, particularly on the last play when they shifted a whole bunch of guys and movement that we hadn't seen."

Six defensive starters return from that unit, and finding the drive that allowed K-State to manage last year's matchup against the Hurricanes will be key.

The Wildcats will be challenged by the presence of Miami freshman running back Duke Johnson, who rushed for 135 yards and two touchdowns in Miami's season opening 41-32 victory against Boston College.

The team will be looking for similarities from last year's game, and despite personnel differences, Brown said stay-



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Senior linebacker Jared Loomis and sophomore linebacker Jonathan Truman corral a Missouri State running back as he tries to break a big play. The Wildcats held the Bears to 95 rushing yards on 26 carries.

ing in line with their approach will be what's most important.

"It is going to be different, but our approach as a team is the same," Brown said. "We are definitely going to identify

where it is we need to improve from last game and make those proper steps in order to do so. Our approach to the game is selfish — it is not different than last year."

As many first games go, finding that rhythm doesn't come quite as easily as some would like, but consistency from start to finish is something Brown says the defense

is looking for.

"We need to be more consistent as well as we finish," Brown said. "Getting out to a great start is going to impact the game a lot."

## Wildcats' offense: up to the test against Hurricanes

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K-State's offense knocked off the offseason rust in a 51-9 late-game blowout against the Missouri State Bears last Saturday.

The Wildcat offense will face what is likely to be a much tougher test when they take on the Miami Hurricanes on Saturday at 11 a.m. in Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

"They're a very athletic team," said senior quarterback Collin Klein. "They really hustle around and make a lot of plays."

The Hurricanes, who defeated Boston College 41-32 last Saturday, turned the Golden Eagles over three times, including a 41-yard interception return for a touchdown from sophomore middle linebacker Denzel Perryman.

The other two Golden Eagle turnovers, both fumbles, resulted in Hurricane touchdowns

on offense.

"We can't turn it over," Klein said.

The Hurricane defense did show weaknesses, mostly in the secondary, where they gave

just focusing on the game and getting ourselves better. We are trying to improve and come out with a win on Saturday."

Part of Miami's recipe to create turnovers is a mixture

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Collin Klein  
senior quarterback

up 441 passing yards of the 537 total yards allowed against the Golden Eagles.

"We are going to put in the game plan as the week goes along, and do what we need to do. ... [Boston College] was successful, but [Miami] sees that too and are working on correcting things," Klein said. "We are

of stunting and blitzing to put pressure on the opposing offense; something head coach Bill Snyder said can work both for and against a team.

"That is always an issue. For a defense, it can be hit or miss," Snyder said. "For most people, for us included, sometimes you roll the dice and it could be 50-50 in what the outcome could be."

Klein reflected on where he could improve from his 19-of-28 aerial performance for 169 yards against the Bears.

"We were a couple plays away from really making some headway there that were critical downs. I know on a couple third downs Chris [Harper] and I weren't able to get on the same page," Klein said. "There's always those little things that you look back and you're like, 'Darn, I wish I could've had that one back.' But we just got to keep moving forward, keep trying to get better, and we're having fun in the process."

John Hubert looks to follow



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Quarterback Collin Klein gets his offensive linemen in position before taking the snap in the first half against Missouri State on Sept. 1 at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

up his 152-yard rushing performance against the Bears and repeat last year's 166-yard game against the Hurricanes.

"He just doesn't stop. Sometimes he's like a bowling ball in there," Klein said of Hubert's running style. "He kind of bounces around and all of a sudden he'll squirt out of the pile when you didn't even see him."

Snyder said he has no yard-

per-carry number he looks for Hubert to hit because statistics can be misleading and the situation of the game determines how many carries per game Hubert will see.

"If you carry the ball on the 2-yard line and get it in the end zone, then it was a pretty successful play, and you only got two yards out of it," Snyder said.

"As I have said so many times, defenses dictate what you are

going to do. If they want to line up and commit enough people to take away John Hubert, then he probably is not going to carry the ball much in that given game."

Klein said he is looking forward to the game and welcoming the Hurricanes to K-State.

"It's an exciting game. They're a very good team; top to bottom they have a lot of good players," he said. "We'll show them a little

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## Tre Walker continues to impress on defense



Junior linebacker Tre Walker leaps on senior defensive tackle Vai Lutui during last season's Oct. 8, 2011, game against Missouri. Walker was selected as a "spirit captain" for the team this season.

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staff writer

Last season in Miami, Tre Walker showed the entire nation what he means to the K-State Wildcats when he tackled former Hurricanes' quarterback Jacory Harris 1 yard short of the goal line on fourth and goal, which sealed the win for the Wildcats.

"That one single play brought a great deal of attention to Tre, and rightfully so," said head coach Bill Snyder.

Walker is a junior this year for the Wildcats, and one of the leaders on the team as well. This year, he was selected as a "spirit captain" for the team, which entails him leading the team out of the locker room and onto the field. Right before the team enters the field, fans notice Walker's No. 50 jersey at the front of the pack, rocking side to side to get the players and the crowd hyped for kickoff.

"He brings a lot of spirit to our defense," Snyder said. "He was selected as an honorary captain, a spirit captain, last week, but couldn't go out with

the captains because he leads a little ordeal in the locker room prior to the game."

Walker's electricity on the field, in addition to his play-making ability, has been noticeable since his freshman year, where he was one of the lone bright spots on a defense that struggled in 2010. Last year, he started every game for the Wildcats and recorded 52 tackles, including eight for a loss, and forced a fumble.

Now, as he enters yet another new chapter in his K-State career, Walker hopes to continue both his personal and team success in 2012.

"I just want it to be a successful season within the means of making great plays," Walker said. "I want to continue to make great plays."

For Walker though, it is equally as important to maintain his status as a vocal, energetic leader on the team throughout the year as well.

"I don't want this to sound bad in anyway, but a lot of people go out and they get the team prepared, and that's fine," Walker said. "But as I go into this season, I want to continue

to get the team prepared and bring that excitement to all the fans."

One of the most interesting facets of Walker is his philosophy on how he and the rest of the team prepare quarterback Collin Klein week in and week out during practice.

"The biggest thing is to hit him," Walker said. "I don't mean that in any type of bad way, but that's how you get him prepared. When you blitz off that line, you do everything in your power to intercept every ball, you do everything in your power to strip the ball from him, you do everything in your power to hit him and get in his face but that's what other teams are going to try to do."

Snyder's respect for Walker has been at a high level since Walker's freshman year, which is why Snyder rewarded him with a captain status this year in addition to the starting spot.

"He has a great attitude about it. He is a hard worker and a team-oriented guy," Snyder said. "I think he just gets better and better. He still has a ways to go and still makes mistakes, but he gets better all the time."

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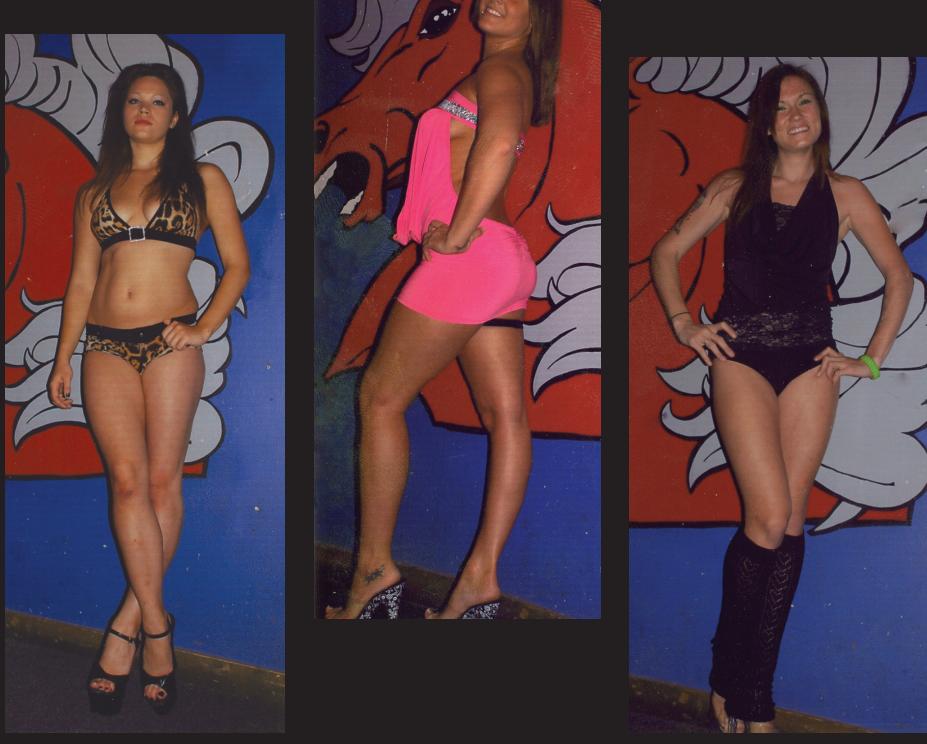
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Playing in the first Southeastern Conference game is a tough enough feat for the Aggies. Doing it with a first-time starter against a defense like Florida makes it extremely tough. Luckily for redshirt freshman quarterback Johnny Manziel, things will be a lot easier due to offensive play-makers Ryan Swope and Christine Michael.

Swope, a senior receiver, became last year's quarterback Ryan Tannehill's favorite weapon at the end of the season. What separates Swope from other receivers is his willingness to go over the middle and make the tough catches. He will not shy away from contact, and also is willing to block downfield for the running back Michael.

Despite not playing in the final four games of last season, Michael still rushed for 899 yards, 230 against now conference rival Arkansas. Michael is a bowling ball at

5-foot-11 and 220 pounds but has the speed to run away from people after he breaks through the hole. These two will be key in helping Manziel, as the Gators will bring a nasty defense to college station.

Florida may be the fastest defense in the country, and everybody on their team flies to the ball. Junior safety Matt Elam is the leader, and can make his presence felt both in the passing game, as well as the ground game. They are very opportunistic, and if Manziel gets flustered in his first career start, it could be a long day for the Aggies.

Manziel has big-time potential, but his role on the team right now is just to control the offense and not try and take over. Look for the veteran presence of Swope and Michael, as well as one of the best home field advantages in all of the country, to help guide the Aggies to a thrilling victory.



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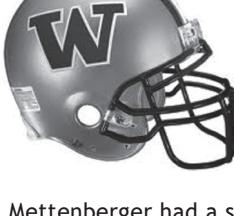


offense that can put up a lot of points of their own.

Quarterback Aaron Murray is one of the best quarterbacks in the country and could be a dark-horse Heisman candidate if the Bulldogs can get off to a good start. The performance by running back Todd Gurley makes Georgia's offense scary.

Gurley rushed eight times for 100 yards and two touchdowns, and also took a kickoff return for 100 yards in the Bulldogs 45-23 victory over Buffalo.

He gives Georgia the running game they thought they lost when former running back Isaiah Crowell got kicked out of school. Columbia will be electric Saturday night as the Tigers play in their first SEC game. In the end, the poise of Aaron Murray and the newfound run game of Georgia will be just enough to squeak out a victory in the final minutes.



WASHINGTON  
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one of the most unheralded quarterbacks in the country.

Junior Keith Price of Washington made the post-Jake Locker phase at Washington much better last season, throwing for 3,063 yards and 33 touchdowns. Price has the swagger you love to see at the quarterback and will not be scared to throw the ball at the LSU secondary. The Huskies must give him the time in the pocket to find his receivers.

Price, playing at Washington, does not get the national exposure that a quarterback of his caliber deserves. With this chance on national TV to show what he can do, look for him to lead the Huskies to a huge upset on the road over LSU.



NEBRASKA  
AT  
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Taylor Martinez has been talking about how much work he has put in the offseason in becoming a more complete quarterback. After his performance in the Cornhuskers 49-20 victory over the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles, he is well on his way to proving just that.

Martinez completed 26-of-34 passes for 354 yards and five touchdowns, and may be counted on to do that again as star running back Rex Burkhead is questionable with a knee injury. The defense will also be huge as they are going up against an offense that showed it can make big plays both in the running game, as well as through the air.

Senior running back Johnathan Franklin had a huge game on the ground, carrying the ball 15 times for 214 yards and three touchdowns in the Bruins' 49-24 victory over the Rice Owls. Franklin possesses a blend of both power and

speed that makes him one of the best running backs in the Pacific-12 Conference. However, it was the emergence of freshman quarterback Brett Hundley that makes the Bruins offense look very tough to stop.

Hundley completed 21 of 28 passes for 202 yards and two touchdowns, while also gaining 68 yards on the ground and another score, and helped make this a complete offense.

With Burkhead possibility out or at the very least injured, expect UCLA to get pressure on Martinez and see if he can air the ball out at a high level like he did against Southern Mississippi.

Even though Martinez has improved, he is not ready to go out and win a game of this magnitude on the road. Look for the Bruins behind the legs of Franklin to win a hard-fought game.

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# MATCHING UP



# K-State pass offense vs. Miami pass defense

The Wildcats bring back nearly all of their wide receivers from last season and most importantly Collin Klein has shown steady improvements in his passing abilities. The Hurricanes gave up 441 passing yards in their first game against Boston College. Unless the Hurricanes can use their blitzes to get pressure on Klein frequently, the Wildcats should have no problem passing the ball.



# K-State rush offense vs. Miami rush defense

While the Wildcats have a variety of quality running attacks, the Hurricane front four will pose a much bigger challenge than Missouri State's defensive line. Pile on the uncertainty of the health of starting left guard Nick Puetz and the Wildcats' already untested group of linemen, minus B.J. Finney, becomes even more worrisome. The Wildcats, however, did have success against the Hurricanes last season when they ran for 265 yards.



# **Miami pass offense vs. K-State pass defense**

capable of passing the ball against Boston College by completing 28 of 45 passes for over 207 yards with one TD. The Wildcat defense proved to be vulnerable in the secondary against Missouri State after giving up 323 yards through the air. Until the Wildcats can find a way to pressure the quarterback, they will rely on the secondary to lock down the outside, which could prove to be difficult against the speedy Hurricane receivers.



# **Miami rush offense vs. K-State rush defense**

but they have found suitable replacements in freshman Duke Johnson and senior Mike James. James and Johnson combined for 189 yards rushing. The Wildcats gave up most of their yards against Missouri State through the air but still managed to allow the Bears to average over five yards a carry on the ground.



er is a master at special teams, despite his lack of size. He proved it in the Wild Card game, when he had a 40-yard punt return for a touchdown.

game. An 89-yard punt return from Tramaine Thompson highlighted the Wildcat special teams but also included pinning the Bears deep in their own field position on kickoffs more than once. Anthony Cantele is also coming off a perfect kicking game.



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# Heisman watch: Former Hutchinson player makes list

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## Geno Smith

Coming into the season, West Virginia's senior quarterback Geno Smith was on a lot of experts' Heisman Trophy watch list. In his junior season, Smith led West Virginia to a 10-3 record that included a 70-33 victory in the Orange Bowl.

Along the way, Smith passed for 4,385 yards for 31 touchdown passes, including two rushing touchdowns. In the first game of his senior year against Marshall University, Smith completed 32 of 36 passes for 323 yards and four touchdowns. On top of that, Smith had 65 rushing yards and one touchdown. This week, Smith will lead the Mountaineers against James Madison University.

## Le'Veon Bell

Michigan State's junior running back Le'Veon Bell found himself gaining popularity after his week one performance



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West Virginia quarterback Geno Smith runs the ball against Marshall University on Sept. 1 at Milan Puskar Stadium in Huntington, W.Va.

against Boise State. Last week, Bell carried the ball 44 times for

210 yards and two touchdowns, including six catches for 55 yards.

Bell caught the eyes of col-

lege football fans all over the country with his athleticism for a 6-foot-2, 245-pound running back. Last year Bell rushed for 948 yards and 13 touchdowns. Look for him to carry most of the workload for the Spartans this season.

## Marcus Lattimore

In his first game back from a leg injury that sidelined him for half of last year, junior running back Marcus Lattimore made a big impact for the South Carolina Gamecocks last Saturday in a narrow victory against Vanderbilt University. Lattimore tallied 110 yards rushing with two touchdowns in his first game back.

Last season, Lattimore played only seven games, but was still able to rush for 818 yards and 10 touchdowns. In 2010, Lattimore's first year at South Carolina, the star running back ran for 1,197 yards and 17 touchdowns, while also adding 412 receiving yards and two touchdowns.

South Carolina fans and Heis-

man voters have high expectations for Lattimore if he is able to keep himself healthy.

## Cordarrelle Patterson

Tennessee junior wide receiver Cordarrelle Patterson rounds off the list. An unfamiliar name to many fans, Patterson's first game in a Tennessee jersey showed fans that there might be a star in the works down in Knoxville. Last season, Patterson was playing football at Hutchinson Community College in Hutchinson, Kan.

In his first game for the Volunteers, Patterson caught six passes for 93 yards and one touchdown. However, that was just half of Patterson's impressive debut. Rushing for 72 yards, including a 67-yard touchdown run, Patterson showed that he has a lot of speed and athleticism for a 6-foot-3, 205-pound wide receiver. Even though it was just his first game of the year, look for Patterson to make a huge impact for Tennessee's offense this season.

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